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Post Offices in Rural Areas
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices functioning in the country separately in rural and urban areas along with the number of employees working in these post offices, State-wise;

(b) whether post-office facilities have been provided in all the villages of the country including in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the total number of such villages where this facility is yet to be provided, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for opening post offices in all the villages; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the target fixed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) State/UT-wise number of post offices functioning in the country (as on 31.03.2016) in rural and urban areas along with number of employees working in these post offices are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) The State/UT-wise number of villages with post office and number of villages without post office of the country including Uttar Pradesh are at Annexure-II. The villages without post office are provided postal facilities through existing nearby post offices.
(d) & (e) Opening of new post offices in rural areas by relocation and redeployment is an on-going activity. This is taken up under Plan Scheme - "Rural Business & Access to Postal Network", subject to fulfillment of certain prescribed norms, availability of plan support and manpower. Department of Posts fixed target to open 400 new Branch Post Offices (BOs) in rural areas by redeployment & relocation during 12th Plan Period under the plan scheme to increase access of postal services in villages of the country, out of which 344 BOs have already been opened during financial years 2012-13 to 2015-16 and target for opening of new BOs during current financial year 2016-17 is 97. In addition, a village where a BO is not justified as per norms, the postal services are offered through nearby BOs. The norms for opening of a BO are at Annexure-III

ANNEXURE-I

State/UT-wise Number of Post Offices functioning in urban and rural areas of the country (as on 31.03.2016) and Number of Employees working in these
Post Offices
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Sl. No. States/UTs No. of Post Offices in urban areas No. of Post Offices in rural areas Total No. of Post Offices No. of Employees working in these Post Offices
1 Andhra Pradesh 780 9542 10322 22132
2 Assam 381 3631 4012 11036
3 Bihar 464 8573 9037 24840
4 Chhattisgarh 269 2888 3157 6381
5 Delhi 470 84 554 5050
6 Gujarat 809 8117 8926 20613
6.1 Dadar & Nagar Haveli 1 37 38 105
6.2 Damna & Diu 5 14 19 43
7 Haryana 369 2315 2684 6408
8 Himachal Pradesh 119 2666 2785 8159
9 Jammu & Kashmir 198 1503 1701 3681
10 Jharkhand 270 2839 3109 8772
11 Karnataka 1054 8609 9663 26089
12 Kerala 854 4203 5057 18821
12.1 Lakshdweep 6 4 10 39
13 Madhya Pradesh 811 7475 8286 17603
14 Maharashtra 1235 11366 12601 22951

14.1 Goa 54 204 258 818
15 North East: 0 0 0 0
15.1 Arunachal Pradesh 31 270 301 665
15.2 Meghalaya 32 459 491 1217
15.3 Mizoram 39 350 389 1172
15.4 Manipur 48 654 702 2060
15.5 Nagaland 31 299 330 1001
15.6 Tripura 56 654 710 1753
16 Odisha 596 7573 8169 18809
17 Punjab 410 3400 3810 4380
17.1 Chandigarh 42 9 51 527
18 Rajasthan 643 9675 10318 19549
19 Tamil Nadu 1817 10218 12035 32104
19.1 Puducherry 39 57 96 409
20 Telangana 586 5249 5835 13347
21 Uttarakhand 209 2512 2721 8062
22 Uttar Pradesh 1933 15729 17662 45451
23 West Bengal 1267 7495 8762 15607
23.1 Andaman&Nicobar 15 85 100 164
23.2 Sikkim 12 197 209 448
Total 15955 138955 154910 370266

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ANNEXURE-II
State/UT-wise Number of Villages with and without Post Office in the country
(as on 31-03-2016)
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Sl. No. States /UTs No. of Villages with Post Office No. of Villages without Post Office Total No. of Villages
1 Andhra Pradesh 9381 13721 23102
2 Assam 5383 20806 26189
3 Bihar 9712 29796 39508
4 Chhattisgarh 2937 17468 20405
5 Delhi 152 48 200
6 Gujarat 8206 9874 18080
6.1 Dadar & Nagar Haveli 38 34 72
6.2 Daman & Diu 12 13 25
7 Haryana 2315 4449 6764
8 Himachal Pradesh 4032 13850 17882
9 Jammu & Kashmir 1526 5142 6668
10 Jharkhand 2837 26026 28863
11 Karnataka 9971 18407 28378
12 Kerala 1635 0 1635
12.1 Lakshdweep 10 0 10
13 Madhya Pradesh 8876 46798 55674
14 Maharashtra 13176 27830 41006
14.1 Goa 215 132 347
15 North East:
15.1 Arunachal Pradesh 254 3611 3865
15.2 Meghalaya 664 5215 5879
15.3 Mizoram 385 453 838
15.4 Manipur 662 1920 2582
15.5 Nagaland 312 995 1307
15.6 Tripura 651 415 1066
16 Odisha 7436 40241 47677
17 Punjab 3400 9181 12581
17.1 Chandigarh 9 14 23
18 Rajasthan 9720 30098 39818
19 Tamil Nadu 11349 26102 37451
19.1 Puducherry 64 382 446
20 Telangana 5368 7839 13207
21 Uttarakhand 2518 13243 15761
22 Uttar Pradesh 15596 86101 101697
23 West Bengal 7494 30426 37920
23.1 Andaman & Nicobar 85 416 501
23.2 Sikkim 197 255 452
Total 146578
491301
637879

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ANNEXURE-III

NORMS FOR OPENING OF EXTRA DEPARTMENTAL BRANCH POST OFFICES

1. Population:
(a) In Normal Areas:
3000 population in the group of villages (including 1000 population in the proposed post office village).
(b) In Hill, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:
500 pulation in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.
2. Distance:
(a) In Normal Areas: The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office should be 3 Kms.
(b) In Hill, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas: The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hill Areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.
3. Anticipated Income:
(a) In Normal Areas: The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33 1/3% of the cost.
(b) In Hill, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas: The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.
It is further to be ensured that as a result of opening of a new post office, the loss in respect of the parent post office does not increase beyond the permissible limit nor does its income reduces below the minimum prescribed.

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